AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (previously presented) A trimmer comprising:
 - a base comprising a front and a rear;

a motor attached directly to said base wherein said motor is attached to and rotates a cutting element wherein said cutting element comprises at least one line:

two unidirectional wheels attached directly to said front of said base;

- a multidirectional wheel attached directly to said rear of said base;
 - a handle; and
- a universal joint comprising two non-parallel axles connecting said handle to said rear of said base above said multi-directional wheel.
- 2.(original) The trimmer of claim 1 wherein said base comprises a recess.
- 3. (Currently amended) A trimmer comprising:
 - a base comprising a front and a rear;

a motor attached directly to said base wherein said motor is attached to and rotates a cutting element wherein said cutting element comprises at least one line;

two unidirectional wheels attached directly to said front of said base;

- a multidirectional wheel attached directly to said rear
 of said base;
 - a handle; and
- a universal joint comprising two non-parallel axles connecting said handle to said rear of said base above said multidirectional wheel The trimmer of claim 1 further comprising a lower grip attached to said handle.

- 4. (original) The trimmer of claim 1 wherein said universal joint comprises:
 - a handle couple attached to said handle;
 - a link rotatably attached to said handle couple; and
 - a bracket rotatably attached to said link and attached to said base.
- 5. (currently amended) A trimmer comprising:
 - a base comprising a front and a rear;

a motor attached directly to said base wherein said motor is attached to and rotates a cutting element wherein said cutting element comprises at least one line;

two unidirectional wheels attached directly to said front
of said base;

- a multidirectional wheel attached directly to said rear
 of said base;
 - a handle; and
- a universal joint comprising two non-parallel axles connecting

 said handle to said rear of said base above said multi
 directional wheel The trimmer of claim 1 wherein said

 motor is an electric motor.
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